

HOUSE COMBINE HOLDS UP THE PARK-SITE BILL.

Permanent Citizens Urge Measure Adoption, but Committee Adjourns Without Acting.

W. ZIEGENHEIN IS HISSED.

Former Mayor Creates Scene by Attacking World's Fair Company Directors.

After conducting a public hearing yesterday morning on the World's Fair park-site bill, the Committee on Public Improvements of the House of Delegates adjourned without designating the time for another meeting to deliberate on the measure and prepare a report. The House will meet at 7 o'clock this afternoon, but all signs indicate that the bill will not be reported for an indefinite period.

Evidence of a prearranged plan to hold up the bill became so apparent that anti-combine members have resolved to commence a bitter fight on almost every pending proposition, in order to compel every member of the House to show his position.

Delegate Riles, leader of the anti-combine, will submit this afternoon a resolution commanding the committee to report the bill. He will insist on a roll-call vote.

Officials in the City Hall and members of the combine declare that the hold-up is in the nature of a conspiracy of the House combine against Mayor Wells and the City Council for the purpose of compelling the administration to bend the knee in regard to appointments and appropriations, and it is announced that the combine is on the verge of reorganization.

The hearing on the park-site bill was attended by President D. R. Francis, Treasurer W. H. Thompson, Secretary Walter B. Stevens and all the directors of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company, as well as by officers of the World's Fair Free Site Association and many prominent citizens, all of whom advocated passage of the measure.

ZIEGENHEIN SPEAKS AGAINST THE BILL.

The chief speaker in opposition was ex-Mayor Ziegenhein, who vetoed a similar bill just prior to his retirement and who held up the World's Fair bond bill at what was considered the most critical stage in the history of the World's Fair project. Mr. Ziegenhein was present by invitation of Speaker Cronin and also at his own request. His greeting him when he made sarcastic remarks about Governor Francis and the World's Fair directors.

Chairman Geraghty rapped for order a few minutes past 9 o'clock, with all the committee members seated at the Clerk's desk. Mr. Kelly read the bill, after which Mr. Geraghty requested the names of all who proposed to speak for or against the measure.

Mr. Ziegenhein entered and sat on a rostrum step near the committee, beside Delegate Stannard and several members of the old House who opposed the former bill.

GOVERNOR FRANCIS SUPPORTS BILL.

Governor Francis was the first speaker. "There can be no doubt or question in the minds of anyone," he said, "as to the sentiment of the people of St. Louis and Missouri in favor of this Exposition. And it is to be a public enterprise. If there are any private axes to grind in connection with this move the fact has not, as yet, reached the ears of the men composing this company."

"You are also aware that the time fixed

GOVERNOR YATES SIGNS THE WORLD'S FAIR BILL.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Springfield, Ill., May 9.—Governor Yates to-day signed the World's Fair bill, which appropriates \$250,000 for an Illinois exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to be held in St. Louis in 1903. The measure carries with it provision for a commission of fifteen to have charge of the exhibit. Governor Yates has not yet determined when he will call together the Commissioners whom he appointed last week. This appropriation is the next largest to that of Missouri, and assures an exhibit in keeping with the culture, the wealth and the enlightenment of Illinois.

time is an essential factor for proper preparation. "We need this bill," he declared, "and we need it quickly. Much of the success of the Exposition will depend upon your attitude toward it. The National Commission soon will be here, and we must be in a position to offer a suitable site. We are making no argument for any particular site, but we are making a case for the principle that we want such a privilege for this public enterprise that will permit us to prevent being held up by real estate speculators. All we appreciate the prospect that will accompany this great project. Therefore, we urge prompt response to our appeal."

FIRST PROPOSITION TO FOREST PARK. Following President Phillips, ex-Mayor Ziegenhein took the floor. "Sometimes," he began, "it is necessary for some of us to take a stand on important matters. North and South St. Louis are as much interested in the World's Fair as the West End. They all get all the people in South St. Louis and in North St. Louis, too. And there ain't no speculators in my part of town, either. I want to say that I am as much of a World's Fair man as Dave Francis ever was or ever will be."

This remark, delivered dramatically and with evident personal animosity, caused immediate interruption of the proceedings. A hissing sound from the center of the chamber and spread rapidly, all the directors signifying their disapproval. The sound augmented in volume and several directors rose to respond. Delegate Kelly nudged Chairman Geraghty, who rapped for order. The crowd in the balcony continued hissing. Ziegenhein looked up and shouted, "Cure! Geese! Snakes!" That's what they are, men!" repeated Delegate Stannard, who was seated on a step of the rostrum.

ZIEGENHEIN IS MUCH EXCITED. Ziegenhein turned pale, but there was no abatement to his effrontery. "Save Forest Park from the man with the axe," he exclaimed, raising his arm high above his head. "The man who would dare to cut down a tree in Forest Park ought to be prosecuted, fined and sent to the pen. Why do you ask for Forest Park and not for O'Fallon or Carondelet Park? Because you know that you don't want O'Fallon or Carondelet Park."

"You want Forest Park, and you know you do. There are land sharks around that park; land sharks who would sell their land and make fortunes and move out of town forever. I hope the House of Delegates will be in favor of a North or South Side park and not the location of the Fair in Forest Park or elsewhere. Ample time will be given for discussion of the question of a site. We come to you as representatives of the interests of the sovereign people to ask you to let us take the three parks into account. The destiny of St. Louis is in your hands. Charles Becker spoke against the Forest Park clause, saying the 'wilderness' should be preserved. President H. C. Koenig of the Tenth Ward Improvement Association argued against Forest Park, and in favor of South St. Louis."

PARTISAN INTRODUCTION PUT TO ZIEGENHEIN. L. C. Irvine, president of the World's Fair Free Site Association, advanced the bill, and replied to Ziegenhein's personal attack on the World's Fair directors. Mr. Irvine said that he knew Mr. Ziegenhein had not cried alarm in 1900, when the Municipal Assembly of this city passed an ordinance granting the use of all the parks for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Ziegenhein began to reply, and Irvine interposed to inquire if Ziegenhein had not given his word of honor to sign the former bill, and subsequently vetoed the bill. A stormy scene ensued.

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FORTUNES VANISH WHILE PANIC REIGNS, FORCED BY NORTHERN PACIFIC CORNER.

Shrinkage of stocks Wednesday.....\$145,468,648.50
Shrinkage of stocks Thursday.....201,477,101.35
Total shrinkage in values in two days.....\$346,945,749.85
Before the recovery yesterday, the shrinkage since Wednesday's close had been.....\$599,757,147.00

No Large Failures, but Thousands of Small Investors Were Wiped Out in the Great Struggle.

TEMPORARY TRUCE MADE.

That and the Banks Check Worse Disaster—Big Houses Sustain Heavy Financial Losses.

ALL STOCKS SUFFER SLUMP.

GATES MAKES LIGHT OF HIS BIG LOSSES.

New York, May 9.—John W. Gates, speaking of the losses sustained by speculators in the last two days, said: "The medicine has been hard to take, but it has done good. There was too much speculation and it had to be checked. There will be heavy buying orders and the market will rally promptly. This Northern Pacific settlement will clean things up. The banks saved the day, and I feel quite sure there will be no failures of any size." Mr. Gates would not discuss his personal losses, but told a dog story that was eloquent in expression. "I knew a young man in Youngstown," he said, "who had a poor yellow pup. Well, that dog was kicked so hard and so often that he walked sideways. I am walking sideways."

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, May 9.—The two interests at the head of the opposing factions in Northern Pacific corner issued notice to-night protecting their shorts, and agreeing to supply the common stock at \$150 a share. Throughout the day and until a late hour to-night conferences were being held to bring about some settlement of the main difficulty. The most important financial interests in the country were represented there, and it is safe to assume that self-interest, combined with common sense, will prevail.

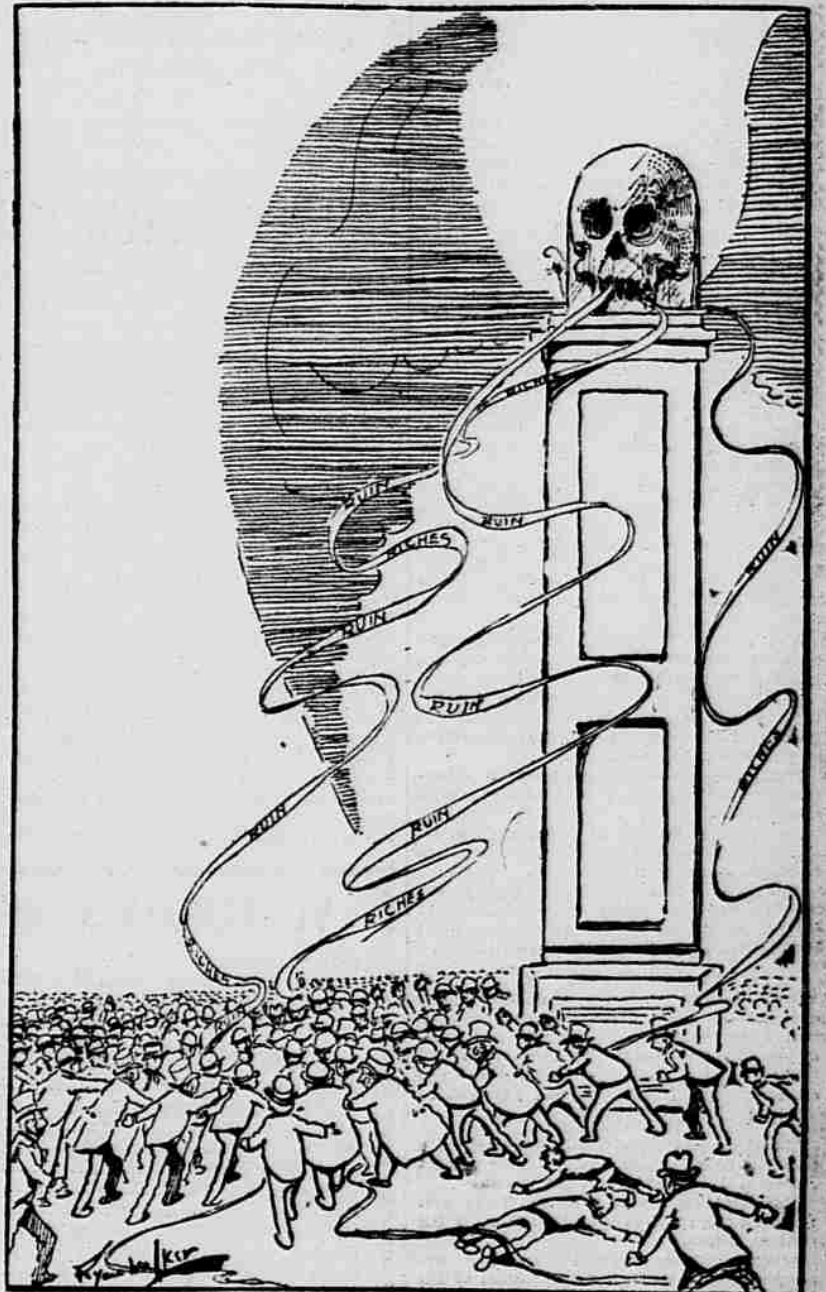
In the meantime the situation in Northern Pacific is similar to that of two great armies drawn up on the field of battle, anxiously awaiting the outcome of negotiations. There is suspension of hostilities; that is all.

Both sides claim control of the Northern Pacific property, and both are maneuvering for advantage. How it will all end no one can tell. The Harriman-Gould-Kuhn-Loeb-Standard Oil group claims to have control, and to have enough stock to carry out its plans. The Morgan-Hill interest, however, is making very strong claims. While the panic prevailed on the floor of the Stock Exchange the brokers on the curb were in a frenzied effort to get out of the market. That security got a severe shock, selling down to 60, a drop of 171 points from the closing price, 374, Wednesday. It closed to-night at 700 asked, no bid.

WORGAN-HILL GROUP SEEM VICTORIOUS.

To-night an individual, who has been party to the conference relating to the strained conditions in the street, has given to the press statements and explanations which give to the contest in Wall Street a different construction than was generally accepted downtown to-day. He said: "To-morrow morning Kuhn, Loeb & Co. will publish a notice saying they will let out their Northern Pacific to shorts at \$150. Positive statement is made to-night that to-morrow J. P. Morgan & Co. will notify shorts that they will be released of short obligations to Morgan & Co. on the basis of \$150. This will be the penalization. The shorts will get no stock from Morgan & Co. They will get only freedom.

"The Burlington deal will be known to-morrow as an accomplished fact. It has already been accomplished. The Morgan-Hill interests control the Northern Pacific stock, and the Board of Directors had absolute power to close the Northern Pacific-Burlington merger without the consent of two-thirds of Northern Pacific stock. The old law of the Northern Pacific prescribed that two-thirds of the stock should assent to such a transaction as the present deal.



THE SPIRIT OF THE TICKER.

WALL STREET'S LOSSES DURING DARKEST HOURS OF THE PANIC.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.	High.	Low.	Decline.	Shrinkage.
Copper.....	116	90	26	\$19,800,000
Sugar.....	145 1/2	135	10 1/2	4,621,000
American Tobacco.....	120	95	25	11,448,000
Atchafalpa common.....	75 1/2	43	32 1/2	35,958,000
Atchafalpa preferred.....	89 1/2	70	19 1/2	21,300,000
Baltimore and Ohio.....	102	84	18	8,100,000
Canadian Pacific.....	106 1/2	87	19 1/2	12,076,000
Chesapeake and Ohio.....	47	29	18	10,808,012
Burlington.....	108	78	30	16,441,710
St. Paul common.....	165 1/2	154	11 1/2	14,860,800
St. Paul preferred.....	185	170	15	2,000,000
Rock Island.....	153	125	28	16,800,000
Consolidated Gas.....	206	185	21	9,467,770
Delaware and Hudson.....	165	105	60	21,000,000
General Electric.....	220	209	11	4,716,000
Great Northern.....	177 1/2	169	8 1/2	6,308,000
Illinois Central.....	138	128	10	7,930,000
Louisville and Nashville.....	103 1/2	76	27 1/2	14,468,000
Manhattan.....	120	87	33	17,700,000
Metropolitan.....	163 1/2	150	13 1/2	2,000,000
Missouri Pacific.....	108	72	36	15,603,900
New York Central.....	155	140	15	17,350,000
Pennsylvania.....	140	138 1/2	1 1/2	12,504,000
People's Gas.....	111	98 1/2	12 1/2	3,970,000
Reading.....	41 1/2	34	7 1/2	5,342,000
Southern Pacific.....	49	29	20	89,088,000
Texas Pacific.....	44	27	17 1/2	6,773,872
Union Pacific.....	113	77	36	35,616,750
Steel common.....	47	24	23	92,000,000
Steel preferred.....	95 1/2	65	30 1/2	107,000,000
Total.....				\$599,757,147

This provision, still printed in the manual, accepted as authentic, has misled the opponents of the Morgan-Hill plan, because, in the reorganization, the two-thirds provision was abolished and the power was vested solely in the Board of Directors.

The board had stipulated that when two-thirds of the Burlington stock had been deposited in a designated trust company

the Northern Pacific-Burlington deal should thus be automatically closed. The stock has been deposited and the transaction is consummated.

WILD FLUCTUATIONS MARKED EARLY HOURS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, May 9.—Under the strain of the most remarkable corner that has ever figured in the history of the street, the common stock of Northern Pacific Railway was to-day forced up to a price that no stock of any American corporation has ever before commanded in the exchange—\$150 a share. It is a price far higher than that of Standard Oil stock, and the common shares of the road brought not much more than one-tenth of it on Saturday afternoon. It is a price that tells more eloquently than words the absurdity to which men can be carried by a passion for stock gambling.

AWAITED THE OPENING WITH LEAVING PULSES.

When the hour for the opening drew near this morning, and worried brokers gathered on the floor to await, with leaping pulses, the signal for their struggles, the news that the big interest on each side of the Northern Pacific fight had failed to settle their feud had already crept into each man's consciousness and lay like a weight on his heart.

There were many who had steeled themselves to pay fabulous prices for the shares which they mentally cursed, in a frantic effort to keep from going to the wall. There were many more who, though not numbered among the unhappy shorts, looked forward with dread to the results which would follow on the corner's heels.

DREADED TO MEET THE TRYING ORDEAL.

Unfortunate who had sold Northern Pacific stock which they did not own had vainly offered on Wednesday to pay \$5 a share to borrow it for a single night. This meant that they believed it would cost them, if bought, "cash" in the morning. Immediate delivery—in the morning—more than \$5 in excess of Wednesday's closing price, which was 100. When the market opened they had been waiting with a sick feeling of a man on trial for his life, who sees the jury returning from its secret session, for the coming ordeal.

They knew absolutely that it was impossible to pay the price which was being demanded.

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UNIDENTIFIED SUICIDE'S ONLY MESSAGE WORDS FROM AN OLD LOVE SONG

As He Sat in a Saloon He Penned the Lines From "Mollie Darling" in a Notebook, Then Put the Pistol to His Head and Blew Out His Brains—Man Answering His Description Was Seen at Cape Girardeau a Few Days Ago.

1. Won't you tell me, Mollie darling, That you love none else but me.....



Unidentified man who shot and killed himself after writing words of a love song in his notebook.

Won't you tell me, Mollie darling, That you love none else but me? For I love you, Mollie, darling; You are all this world to me.

Oh, tell me, Mollie, that you love me; Put your little hand in mine. Take my heart, sweet Mollie, darling. Say that you will give me thine. DAN.

After writing in his notebook the above lines from the plaintive love song, "Mollie Darling," and signing the abbreviated Christian name "Dan" thereto, an unidentified man shot and killed himself yesterday in a saloon at No. 512 North Third street. Sitting in a corner of the room writ-

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PROSECUTION COMPLETES CASE AGAINST MRS. ADMIRE.

One Witness Testified That Defendant Had Threatened to Kill Her Husband—Bloodstains Explained.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Carrollton, Ill., May 9.—The prosecution this evening closed their case against Mrs. Sallie B. Admire, after examining about forty witnesses.

Mrs. Dora Murray, the deserted wife of Bert Murray, testified that Mrs. Admire, in her presence, exhibited a revolver and said if her husband, Admire, annoyed her she would kill him.

Mrs. Annie Sturman testified to finding some blood-stained sheets, shirts and clothes put away in the smokehouse. This was the strongest evidence produced by the prosecution.

This, with the close relation existing between Bert Murray and Mrs. Admire, is about all the evidence tending to convict the defendant. F. P. Kerger, the undertaker, as a witness for the defense, made a part of this valuable, by testifying that he had used the sheets dressing the body and that the shirt was the one taken from the body.



MRS. SALLIE ADMIRE.